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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The Justice Department has kept Microsoft in court for more than three years, but thankfully now there is a settlement in this case. I am writing to express concern that this settlement may be in jeopardy, I hope you will support the defend you reached with Microsoft and an end to this case.

Microsoft has worked hard to become a world leader in the software industry. The DOJ suit was meant to allay concerns about the power of Microsoft. This settlement does that by forcing Microsoft to disclose internal interfaces. This allows Microsoft competitors unprecedented access to Microsofts code and operating systems. Lets now end this case and allow Microsoft

to get back to doing what it does best, not litigation, but software development and job creation. Your office can make this happen by ensuring the settlement is completed.

Please fight against those that wish to derail this settlement. The faster this case is settled the better off the American information technology sector will perform in this tough economy, and the more time your office will have to dedicate to other priorities.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Bevelacqua

cc: Representative Mark Green

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